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SUBJECT: EC AMPLIFIES MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES ON FOOD AID

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1. ON APRIL 15, 1975, THE EC COUNCIL (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) STREAM-LINED EC PROCEDURES FOR APPROVING FOOD AID ACTIONS. THE NEW PROCEDURES ARE EFFECTIVE FROM THE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1974/75 GRAIN AID PROGRAM.

2. PREVIOUSLY, FORMAL COUNCIL APPROVAL WAS NEEDED FOR THE COMMISSION TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A PROSPECTIVE FOOD AID BENEFICIARY. THE RESULTS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS WERE THEN REVIEWED BY THE COUNCIL, WHOSE FORMAL ADOPTION WAS NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE THE ACCORD.

3. UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURES, THE COUNCIL WILL USUALLY INTERVENE FORMALLY ONLY ONCE ON A FOOD AID ACTION. PRIOR COUNCIL ADOPTION OF AID PROGRAMS AND OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS IN FULL DETAIL WILL CONTINUE TO BE NECESSARY. AFTER THIS, THE COMMISSION WILL WORK
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OUT WITH THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES OR BODIES THE DELIVERY DETAILS OF THE AID PROVIDED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. THE COMMISSION WILL THEN INFORM THE MEMBER STATES; DELEGATIONS AND THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OF THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO SEND TO THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY OUTLINING CONDITIONS FOR ITS UTILIZATION OF THE FOOD AID AND TERMS OF DELIVERY. IF OBJECTIONS ARE RAISED BY ANY MEMBER STATE DELEGATION WITHIN TEN DAYS, THE QUESTION IS EXAMINED BY THE APPROPRIATE COUNCIL WORKING PARTY. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THE COMMISSION CAN PROCEED TO ORGANIZE SUPPLIES AND DELIVERY AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS BY THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY.

4. THIS SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE WILL RELIEVE THE COUNCIL OF SOME FORMALITIES OF THE EARLIER PROCEDURE, AND HOPEFULLY ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EC FOOD AID DECISIONS. GREENWALD

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